

Course title: American History

Course code: SA0824

Type of course: compulsory

Level of course: BA

Year of study: 1st

Semester: 2nd

Number of ECTS credits allocated: 5

Name of the lecturer: Irina Chirica

Course objective: The course, held in English (with explanations in Romanian, whenever necessary), is meant to familiarize first-year students with basic information in the field of American history. The major moments and personalities of American history are explored. The lecturer intends to observe an interactive methodology, which allows students to ask questions and come up with their own comments and pieces of knowledge during lectures.

Course contents: The course studies the important moments, periods and personalities of American History starting with the beginning and the Puritan matrix. A special stress is given to major personalities who marked American politics and culture (e.g. Benjamin Franklin) and even the international field, and the context in which they activated. For tests, students shall make use of information acquired during lectures, as well as of data extracted from recommended bibliography.

Recommended reading: Norton Mary Beth, Katzman David, 1996, *A People and a Nation: A History of the United States*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company; *An Outline of American History*, Washington: U.S.I.A. Press, 1994; Luedke S. Luther, 1994. *Making America: The Society and Culture of the United States*. Washington: U.S.I.A. Press; Commager Henry Steele, 1950. *The American Mind*. New Haven: Yale University Press; Sowell Thomas, 1981. *Ethnic America: A History*. New York: Basic Books

Teaching methods: lectures, workshops

Assessment methods: homeworks; final (written) test

Language of instruction: English